

Crimes Reported in Cambridge

January 1 to June 30

| Crime | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | Change 00-02 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Murder | 1 | 1 | 5 | 2 | *Inc. |
| Rape | 5 | 8 | 5 | 3 | *Inc. |
| Stranger | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | *Inc. |
| Non-Stranger | 4 | 7 | 4 | 3 | *Inc. |
| Robbery | 84 | 66 | 79 | 112 | +42% |
| Commercial | 11 | 14 | 17 | 23 | +35% |
| Street | 73 | 52 | 62 | 89 | +44% |
| Agg. Assault | 143 | 166 | 157 | 114 | -27% |
| Burglary | 231 | 252 | 384 | 247 | -36% |
| Commercial | 74 | 57 | 82 | 74 | -10% |
| Residential | 157 | 195 | 302 | 173 | -43% |
| Larceny | 1331 | 1364 | 1298 | 1156 | -11% |
| Building | 306 | 266 | 268 | 281 | +5% |
| Fm. Motor Vehicle | 298 | 375 | 269 | 318 | +18% |
| Person | 162 | 209 | 210 | 142 | -32% |
| Bicycle | 127 | 93 | 112 | 62 | -45% |
| Shoplifting | 201 | 252 | 239 | 176 | -26% |
| Residence | 105 | 89 | 109 | 101 | -7% |
| MV Plate | 86 | 46 | 49 | 39 | -20% |
| Services | 7 | 18 | 14 | 18 | +29% |
| Misc. | 39 | 16 | 28 | 19 | -32% |
| Auto Theft | 231 | 243 | 209 | 198 | -5% |
| Total Violent | 233 | 241 | 246 | 231 | -6% |
| Total Prop. | 1793 | 1859 | 1891 | 1601 | -15% |
| Index Total | 2026 | 2100 | 2137 | 1832 | -14% |

*Note: percentages are not calculated for numbers so small as to lead to a statistically misleading perc

First Six Months in Review

Serious crime took a sharp, downward turn in Cambridge over the first two quarters of 2003. Over the first six months of this year, there have been 305 fewer index crimes recorded in the City when compared with the same time period in 2002. The decrease from 2137 incidents recorded between January 1st and June 30th of 2002 to 1832 crimes this years reveals a 14% decrease in serious crime reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Program. The total of 1832 serious crimes represents the lowest number of incidents registered for the first six months of the year in over four decades of reporting.

Further analysis reveals that despite declines in Murder, Rape, and Assault, violent crime fell only six percent as these drops were offset by a forty-two percent increase in Robbery. The thirty-six percent decline in Burglary helped propel the fifteen percent slide in property crime when compared with the 2002 figures.

The second murder of the year in Cambridge occurred on Sunday, June 8th on the corner of Mass and Walden Street. Three days later, warrants were issued for a Malden resident, who was subsequently rendered back to Massachusetts from Florida where he had fled.

All three of the rapes reported in Cambridge during the first six months of 2003 have been categorized as non-stranger, acquaintance incidents.

A one-man crime wave can be the bane of any urban police department. In the first forty-five days of 2002, a career criminal from Somerville was very active and 115 housebreaks were recorded in the City. That prolific burglar is now incarcerated and housebreaks are down 43% in 2003.

After recording a 5% decline over the first six months of the year, The Crime Analysis Unit is projecting that this crime

January-June Crime, Past 5 Years

